

fixing his rank, his communal claims have been considered. If this were not done, he would have had to rank two or three places below his present rank.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether, in giving promotions, communal claims are considered by Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Under certain exceptional circumstances, communal consideration is also taken into account.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Sir, may I know whether the member is in a position to state the circumstances under which such claims are taken into consideration? Is there any definite policy in regard to that? Can he give the House an idea as to when such a course is resorted to?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information. I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): To the question asked by Mr. Haneef the answer was given that, until a certain proportion is reached, qualified Muhammedans will be appointed.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Are you putting a supplementary question?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Yes.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Please ask it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): The member was stating in answer to a former question that, until a particular proportion is reached, the claims of qualified Muhammedans will be specially considered. I wish to know what that proportion is.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I did not say, Sir, that, until a particular proportion is reached, qualified Muhammedans will be appointed. I only said that the claims of qualified Muhammedans will be considered when vacancies arise.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Did the member hear Mr. Haneef's question?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The member must content himself with the answer given by the official member.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): The answer will be complete only when it is taken along with the question.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, my answer to Mr. Haneef's question was that the claims of qualified Muhammedans will be considered when vacancies arise.

Muslim Sub-Registrar.

20. ***MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the date when the only Muhammedan Sub-Registrar now in service was appointed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. C. H. C. Mahomed Kunju was appointed as a Sub-Registrar on the 12th Mithunam 1087.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there is any special reason for not appointing a second Muhammedan as Sub-Registrar during these long years?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You must modify your question, "long-years" is a term which has no precise meaning.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there is any special reason for not appointing a second Muhammedan after the appointment of this Muhammedan in the year 1087?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It was probably due to want of qualified Muhammedans for appointment as Sub-Registrars.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): In answer to question No. 19, I received an answer that there are qualified hands in the department.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): He has been given a rank, and according to that rank, his turn has not yet come.

Kottayam District Munsiff's Court.

21. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Changanachery cum Peermade II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have given up the proposal to locate the Kottayam District and Additional District Munsiffs' courts also in the premises of the Kottayam District court; and

(b) if not, how far have the arrangements for the same progressed?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (a) No.

(b) The estimate and plan for the buildings are under preparation.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery cum Peermade II*): Will the member be pleased to say how long it will take to have the plan prepared and how long it will take to have the work begun?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): The plans and estimates are under preparation by the Division Officer, Kottayam, and they have not yet been received by the Chief Engineer. The work will be taken up when funds are available.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether Government have received protests from the people of Kottayam against the transfer of the Courts from the present building?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I have no information on that.

Trade Agents in India.

22. **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) how many Trade Agents are to be appointed in India from Travancore; and

(b) the centres where the Trade Agents are to be appointed from Travancore.